രാമവമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എം. ഇബ്രാഹാം.—അന്വേഷിക്കുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

രാമവമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—അന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. അന്വേഷിക്കുവാൻ വിരോധവുമില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസഫ് പൊട്ട —വസൂരി ദീനമുള്ളപ്പോൾ സാധാരണ ഈ മാജിക്കുപായേറണം മറ്റും നടത്തിയാൽ അത് പകച്ചുകൂടുതൽ കാരണമാകയില്ലേ?

രാമവമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—അതെല്ലാം നോക്കീട്ടേ സാനിട്ടറി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റുകാർ പ്രവൃത്തിക്കയുള്ളൂ.

ഡാക്ടർ എം. ജി. മേനോൻ.—വസൂരിദീനംപിടിച്ചു ആളുകൾ മരിച്ചത് അന്വേഷിച്ചുവോ പറ്റുവോ?

രാമവമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—മുമ്പാണെന്നാണ് തോന്നുന്നത്.

Construction of an out-patient building in the Kunnamkulam Hospital.

260. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chief Medical Officer has brought to the attention of the Government that an out-patient building should be constructed for Kunnamkulam Hospital; and if so,

(b) whether a copy of the orders passed by the Government be placed on the table;

(c) whether a portion of the building in which in-patients are accommodated is not being made use of for the out-patient department;

(d) whether the Government had sanctioned constructing an out-patient building; and if so,

(e) when was it and what step has been taken to give effect to it?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The out-patient and in-patient departments are in separate parts of the same building.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the shortest distance between the out-patient and in-patient departments?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is a part of the same building. The central part of the building is the out-patient department.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the shortest distance—approximately how many yards?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—5 or 6 yards.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is there any necessity for the extension of the out-patient building?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There is.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Was that brought to the attention of the Government at any time?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Has the Chief Medical Officer drawn the attention of the Government to the necessity for the extension?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There are several institutions of that kind and a good many of them have been brought to the notice of the Government.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—About this particular building has he brought this aspect of the case before the attention of the Government?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The visitors' remarks have been brought to the attention of the Government.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is the Chief Medical Officer satisfied with the visitors' remarks that the necessity is keenly felt by the public?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He is satisfied.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Has he afterwards submitted any report to the Government regarding the necessity?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Chief Medical Officer consider the desirability of submitting a report to the Government?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has the fact been brought to the notice of the Government even before the visitors' visited the hospital and brought it to his notice?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I have myself brought it to the notice of the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Why did the Chief Medical Officer not take any action on that till the people visited the hospital and wrote in the visitor's book about the necessity?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The Chief Medical Officer himself wrote in the visitors' book about the necessity.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Did any other non-official visitor write any remark?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Perhaps some other non-official visitor also might have done afterwards.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Whether he sent any separate letter to the Government?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There were other more urgent necessities and it is only after these more urgent necessities are met bythe Government that this can be taken up.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Are the out-patient room and the operation theatre one and the same ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—At present there is no operation room. The present out-patient room is the operation theatre as well.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a fact that there is less accommodation and convenience in Vadakkancheri?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—In almost all the hospitals accommodation is very meagre.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—So there is nothing special to Kunnamkulam alone?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Progress in the execution of Civil Engineering works.

261. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state how far have the works contemplated in Civil Engineering in items 250 and 260, both inclusive, Appendix B., page 21 of the Budget Estimate progressed ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(1) (a) B. I. No. 250 to 259—Estimates have been sanctioned and arrangements made for execution.

(2) B. I. 260. The Special Assistant Engineer for Irrigation as a first step investigated a scheme for a canal of reduced section than that originally contemplated and from his preliminary report received by the Chief Engineer, it is made out that the scheme cannot be "productive" unless higher rates in taxes than those now prevailing are offered by the interested ryots. The Diwan Peishkar who was referred to by the Chief Engineer is of opinion that owing to the present economic condition and fall in the price ofpaddy, the enhanced rate will not be acceptable to the ryots. The scheme will have to wait for better times *i. e.*, till the economic condition is restored. The Chief Engineer is, however, devoting attention to the scheme and the Government will consider the question finally on receipt of the Chief Engineer's final report.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Has the Special Assistant Engineer reported that the works will not be productive?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What was the reason given by him after investigating the scheme, for a canal of reduced section ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—To try to bring down the cost.

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